

**ABSTRACT**

For processing flat objects (10), in particular for packing printed products or small groups thereof, using a continuous packing material, the objects are conveyed in a conveying stream in which they are arranged in succession and essentially parallel to the conveying direction, and possibly between two layers of packing material, along  
5 a part of the periphery of a processing drum (1). The processing drum (1) comprises axially extending support elements (2) and tool elements (3) regularly alternating around its periphery, the radial position of said elements being adjustable, e.g. for an adaptation to varying formats of the objects to be processed. The processing drum  
10 further comprises a pressing belt (4) extending from an entry point (A) to an exit point (B) on the drum periphery and holding and pressing the objects being conveyed on the drum periphery against the tool elements. To render further adjustments unnecessary when the radial position of the support and tool elements is changed, the pressing belt (4) is arranged in such a way that it is able to guide the objects on to  
15 and/or off the periphery of the processing drum.

(Fig. 1)